

## BERLIN FAILS TO PAY 190,000,000 MARKS

Exchange Rate Blamed for  
Inability to Meet Two  
Reparation Calls.

## HEAVY DROP IN VALUE

Germany Asks Commission  
Not to Force Settlement  
at This Time.

## LEVY BASED ON CUSTOMS

Fund of 3,000,000,000 Paper  
Money May Be Left Undis-  
turbed for Present.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—Germany has failed to pay 190,000,000 gold marks, due during the first two weeks of December under the schedule of payments calling for 26 per cent. of her exports and certain portions of her customs duties, it was learned today.

The German Government has informed the Reparations Commission that the tremendous decrease in the value of the mark makes impossible the conversion into gold marks of the fund of paper marks which had been accumulated to meet these payments. The schedule provides that Germany shall deposit a sufficient number of paper marks with the guarantee committee of the Reparations Commission to meet these payments. A total of \$9,000,000,000 paper marks has been deposited with the committee. This sum would have represented a substantial amount of gold marks except for the violent downward movement in the price of the mark. It is understood the German Government holds that in view of the present value of the mark it should not be required to convert paper marks into gold to meet the payments.

The Reparations Commission has not yet taken any position on Germany's failure to meet these bills. Observers here say there is nothing to be done in view of the exchange crisis in Germany. Ninety million gold marks were due on December 1, and 100,000,000 are due on the 15th, but Germany already has made known unofficially to the commission that she will be totally unable to live up to her schedule. Meanwhile the paper marks already deposited will be held by the committee in the hope that their value will be at least partially restored.

England and France have decided to take no independent steps in the reparations situation as a result of the visit of Minister of Devastated Regions Loucheur to London. In circles familiar with the reparations question it was explained that great progress was made by M. Loucheur's bringing the two points of view into closer accord. It was indicated that M. Loucheur's next trip would be to Brussels, where it is expected Belgium will support France in any reparations policy she may suggest.

It is believed M. Loucheur while in London discussed fully the possibility of granting a delay to Germany under certain conditions.

## WIRTH URGES SPEEDY ACTION ON CREDIT LAW

Chancellor Waits Rathenau  
With Suspense and Hope.

BERLIN, Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—In a plea before the Economic Parliament today for the speedy enactment of a law providing for national credit among the industrial, commercial and financial interests, Chancellor Wirth admitted that the Government was awaiting the developments of the next few days with "a feeling of suspense, mingled with some hope."

The opposition of the industrialists to

the pending measure resulted in action being deferred until next Tuesday, despite urging by the Chancellor that the issue be disposed of now. "If only for its moral effect on the negotiations proceeding at London between the allied statesmen with respect to reparations," he told the members that Dr. Walter Rathenau, one time Minister of Reconstruction, who is expected back from London early next week, would make a personal report to the Parliament concerning the negotiations he had carried on, pending which the Government did not desire to discuss the issue.

## MORE GERMAN BANKS VICTIMS OF PANIC

Bankverein of Dusseldorf One  
in Hamburg.

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Two more German banks have become victims of the Bourse's "black Thursday." The Allgemeine Bankverein at Dusseldorf is bankrupt owing to unhappy speculations in foreign currency. The losses far exceed 120,000,000 marks, as at first estimated. This bank was founded in February of this year and was closely cooperating with the Colonial Bank in Berlin. The Hamburg Bank of Koehler, Borchardt & Marum likewise is insolvent owing to the recent fall in foreign currency and industrial bonds.

## GERMAN SEPARATIST FREE; BERLIN PROTESTS

Rhineland Workers Vote for  
Unified Country.

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The German press and public opinion strongly approve the Government's protests against the order of the Rhineland Commission releasing the Separatist leader Smets from arrest. Articles in the French press in support of Smets' most bitter criticism here. The French articles are cited as proving France's intention to break up the German State. It is pointed out that the Separatists are few in number, probably persons enjoying a French subsidy, while the huge majority of Rhinelanders support the unity of Germany.

The loyal attitude of Rhineland workers is shown by a resolution adopted at their Cologne meeting yesterday which considered loyalty and a unified Germany as a matter of course. An Essen newspaper report states the recent arrest of eleven French spies. Four were arrested in Muenster, four in Essen and three in Bochum.

## 25 VIENNA RIOTERS SENTENCED BY COURT

Police Chief Calls Row Due to  
'Nervous Collapse.'

VIENNA, Dec. 9 (Associated Press).—With a double guard of soldiers with fixed bayonets surrounding the Court House the trials of persons arrested for their part in the recent riot began today. Twenty-five of them were given sentence ranging up to ten months' imprisonment.

The official attempt to explain the affair as of a Communist nature was rather upset by the statements of the prisoners, which showed that they belonged to all parties, even the Christian Socialist organization. One of the prisoners is a practicing physician, who was caught with a stolen ham.

The Chief of Police has characterized the disturbance as being due to the "nervous collapse of the people."

## TO DISCUSS AMERICAN BISHOP IN CONSISTORY

Virtues of Neumann, Philadel-  
phia Prelate, Topic To-day

ROME, Dec. 10.—In consequence of the recent discussion in the Congregation of Rites on the heroic virtues of the Right Rev. John N. Neumann, Bishop of Philadelphia from 1852 to 1880, Pope Benedict has ordered that in his presence in the Consistory Hall on Sunday there shall take place a solemn reading of a decree on Bishop Neumann's virtues.

The postulator will be Father Benedict of the Redemptorists and the discourse will be read by Father Murray, general of the Redemptorists, who was received in private audience by the Pope today.

Pope Benedict on Sunday will respond with a discourse on the subject.

## FRENCH AND GERMAN GET NOBEL PRIZES

King Gustave Awards Them to  
Anatole France and Wal-  
ther Nernst.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, Dec. 10 (Associated Press).—The Nobel peace prize for 1921 was handed personally to Christian L. Lange of Norway and to Hjalmar Branting of Sweden at the Nobel Institute in the presence of the King to-day.

At the conclusion of the ceremonies the whole gathering rose while the chairman alluded to the agreement concluded between Great Britain and Ireland as a most gratifying sign of the growth of the peace idea.

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At both the 1920 and 1921 sessions of the League of Nations Assembly he was chairman of the assembly committee on disarmament. In March, 1920, he became the first Socialist Premier of Sweden. Following the Swedish elections of last fall he was again asked by the King to form a Cabinet, which he did on October 11 last.

Christian Lange, born in Norway in 1880, was made general secretary of the Interparliamentary Union in 1909. Some years previously he became secretary to the Nobel committee in the Storting and later was appointed professor of history in the Norwegian Nobel Institute in Christiania.

## FAMINE ENGULFS RELIEF.

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If you are jealous of your wife's visitors do not shoot before you make certain you are right. As a result of not observing this simple precaution Joseph Lamph of Lille is now in jail charged with manslaughter.

Returning home from a copious banquet last week Lamph saw a pair of trousers hanging on the bedroom door. Visions of a stain on the family escutcheon inspired him to rush into the room with a drawn revolver, and when he realized a man was under the covers he fired twice, both shots reaching vital spots. When he pulled back the covers he discovered that he had made a mistake in the house and had killed a friendly neighbor.